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1. U.S. COVERAGE:

--PR AND KZ CARRY TASS ROUNDUP OF CRITICAL
REACTIONS BY THE U.S. AND FOREIGN PRESS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S
MEETING WITH VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY (SEPTTEL).

-- YU. KORNILOV IN IZVESTIYA ADVISES U.S. ADVOCATES

OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO SET THEIR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE
CRITICIZING OTHERS.

-- IZVESTIYA HAS SHORT NOTE ON MEETING BETWEEN
PRESIDENT CARTER AND PANAMA NEGOTIATORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ.
TALKS SO FAR HAVE REMAINED WITHOUT RESULT, SAYS NOTE, DUE
TO U.S. REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PANAMA
TO COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS TERRITORY.

2. MIDDLE EAST:

--CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS CASTRO REMARKS IN LIBYA.
CALLING ON UNITY OF ALL "PROGRESSIVE, REVOLUTIONARY
FORCES" IN M.E., CASTRO NOTES STRENGTHENED INFLUENCE IN
M.E. OF "FORCES OF IMPERIALISM LED BY USA."

3. AFRICA:

--PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY F. TARASOV
LAUDS OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
ARMED STRUGGLE OF ZIMBABWE PATRIOTS. TARASOV SAYS ANGLO-
AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT OFFERED ONLY
"FICTITIOUS INDEPENDENCE" TO PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

--PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY SHORT REPORT OF MARCH 3 PRESS CONFERENCE
BY ZAPU PRESIDENT JOSHUA NKOMO AT SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR
SOLIDARITY WITH ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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--IZVESTIYA AND KZ HAVE ARTICLES ON CONTINUED
UNREST IN EL SALVADOR.

5. EUROPE - GENERAL:

--PRAVDA REPORTS THAT THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION,
HEADED BY "UNION SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS" HERLJEVIC,
WHICH HAD VISITED THE USSR ON INVITATION FROM SOVIET
INTERIOR MINISTER SHCHELOKOV, DEPARTED FOR HOME ON MARCH 2.

--PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THAT SOVIET DEPUTY PREMIER
NOVIKOV RECEIVED POLISH DEPUTY PREMIER SHIDLAK (PHONETIC) ON
MARCH 3.

--KZ CARRIES AN ARTICLE ON ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN THE FRG.

--PRAVDA CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY YU. KUZNETSOV

GIVING A GLOWING ACCOUNT OF SOVIET-FINNISH RELATIONS,
ESPECIALLY TRADE AND TOURISM. KUZNETSOV QUOTES ONE FINNISH
AUTO MECHANIC SAYING THAT WITHOUT THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
60 YEARS AGO THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO INDEPENDENCE FOR
FINLAND.

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT SOVIET-SWISS MFA
CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD MARCH 1-3 IN MOSCOW BETWEEN
DELEGATIONS HEADED BY SWISS MFA REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR BIND-
SHEDLER (PHONETIC) AND SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOVALEV.

6. 6. ASIA:

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT
TO LAOS BY THE SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN NIYAZBEKOV.

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--PRAVDA REPORTS THAT DEFENSE MINISTER USTINOV
HAS INVITED HIS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART, GENERAL VO
NGUYEN GIAP, TO PAY AN "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT" TO THE
USSR IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH.
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